

collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In addition, section 1512 of the Recovery Act requires that not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient that received recovery funds from a federal agency shall submit a report to that agency that contains: (1) The total amount of recovery funds received from the agency; (2) the amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated, to projects or activities; and (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were expended or obligated, including the name of the project or activity; a description of the project or activity, an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity; an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and for infrastructure investments made by State and local governments, the purpose, total cost, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure investment with funds made available under the Recovery Act and name of the person to contact at the agency if there are concerns with the infrastructure investment.

*This Notice also lists the following information:*

*Title of Proposal:* HUD Core Activities related to the Recovery Act.

*Description of Information Collection:* Public Housing Capital Fund, Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Investments Program, Community Development Block Grants, Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, Native American Housing Block Grants, Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, Tax Credit Assistance Program, Lead Hazard Control Grant Program; must provide information to HUD for the reporting requirements of HUD ARRA Section 1512. ("Recovery Act") grants. Section 1512 of the Recovery Act details the reporting requirements for the recipients of recovery Act funding. Recipients are to report on the obligation and expenditure of Recovery Act funds, the projects on which those funds have been obligated and expended, an evaluation of the completion status of projects and the number of jobs created and jobs retained by the project.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0264.

*Agency Form Numbers:* N/A, the data will be collected utilizing a web-based application.

*Members of Affected Public:* State, Local Government and Non-profit organization.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses:* The estimated number of respondents is 5,500 and the number of responses is 4. There will be in total, approximately 22,000 total responses. The total reporting burden is 90,200 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Revision of previously approved collection on Recovery Act projects.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 22, 2010.

**Leroy McKinney Jr.,**

*Departmental PRA Compliance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5376-N-20]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Housing Choice Voucher Program (Voucher Management System Enhancements and Reporting Requirements)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal, to assure better understanding of the reporting requirements and consistency in the submission of data.

**DATES:** April 2, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Mr. Ross A. Rutledge, HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building,

Washington, DC 20503; *e-mail:* [RossA.Rutledge@omb.eop.gov](mailto:RossA.Rutledge@omb.eop.gov); *fax:* (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Leroy McKinney, Jr., Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-8048, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Mr. McKinney at

[Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov](mailto:Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms, or other available information. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McKinney.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection that requires the addition of four new input fields within the Voucher Management System (VMS).

The VMS is currently used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to report their monthly leasing and expense information in connection with the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The VMS collects data on monthly leasing activities and costs for the HCV program via mandatory PHA reporting. It is a critical data system that is used for a variety of major functions, including budget formulation, utilization analysis, and funding allocations. As such, accuracy of the data is extremely important.

The system is periodically enhanced to provide new flexibilities or features for improved ease and accuracy of reporting and use of the data. Accordingly, the new VMS reporting fields are designed to provide greater effectiveness in monitoring the PHAs' financial data and to provide a more complete picture of the PHAs' funding and resources. The reporting enhancements are expected to assist HUD's goal of achieving improved financial accountability by the PHAs and greater recognition of potential shortfalls that may impede the PHAs' ability to assist as many families and individuals as possible while staying within their budget.

*Title of Proposed Notice:* Housing Choice Voucher Program (Voucher Management System Enhancements and Reporting Requirements.)

*Description of Information Collection:* This is a revision of a previously approved information collection. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act

requirements associated with the Office of Public Housing and Voucher Program's Voucher Management System. The four additional reporting fields will be crucial to the identification of actual or incipient financial problems that will ultimately affect funding for program participants. Through submission of these monthly reports, HUD is able to ensure that PHAs do not over or under utilize their baseline unit months or annual budget authority, thereby maximizing the number of qualified families that can participate in the Housing Choice Voucher programs.

The reporting fields and their definitions are described as follows:

**(1) Net Restricted Assets (NRA) as of the Last Day of the Month**

*For Reference:* NRA is the amount reported on the income statement at line 1118—Restricted Net Assets. The NRA reported in VMS must be updated through the end of the reporting month.

*Definition:* NRA is the amount of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Equity for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. It is equal to total HAP revenue minus total HAP expense for eligible unit months leased on a calendar year basis. Total HAP expense should include expenses for regular vouchers as well as expenses for certain HCV special purpose vouchers including Non-Elderly Disabled (NED), Family Unification Program (FUP), HOPE VI, One Year Mainstream (MS1), Litigation, Tenant Protection (TP), and Homeownership. Total HAP revenue is defined as total funding eligibility for calendar years 2005 and later (including pro-rated renewal eligibility plus funding for incremental vouchers) minus any offsets for 2008 and 2009, and should equal the amount actually disbursed to the PHA. The amount reported must include all interest earned, fraud recovery, and Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) forfeitures. Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) NRA is not reported in this field. Those funds are tracked separately and the balance is reported in Line 1118—Restricted Net Assets.

The balance of this account will be carried forward on a monthly basis beginning January 1, 2005, through the end of the current month. Note: Negative amounts must be reported; however, if the PHA has a negative balance at the end of the calendar year the negative amount must not be carried forward to January of the following year. The PHA must start with a zero balance at the beginning of January for purposes of reporting in this field. PHAs are advised that although the negative

amount is not carried forward to the following year the deficit incurred by the PHA is not forgiven nor will additional funds be provided to cover the shortage. The PHA is responsible for operating their program within the amount of funding provided. Negative amounts reported may result in a HUD review and corrective action may be warranted if it is determined the PHA expended any portion of their HAP funding on non-HAP eligible expenses.

Moving to Work (MTW) PHAs should report their financial information as required in their MTW Agreement.

**(2) Unrestricted Net Assets (UNA) as of the Last Day of the Month**

*For reference:* UNA is the amount reported on the income statement at line 1117—Administrative Fee Equity. The UNA reported in VMS must be updated through the end of the reporting month.

*Definition:* UNA is equal to total Administrative Fee (AF) revenue minus total HCV administrative expenses and any AF used for housing assistance payments (HAP) or other activities for Section 8 Tenant Based related purposes. UNA (referred to Administrative Fee Reserve in the HCV voucher program regulations) is the amount by which program administrative fees paid by HUD for a PHA fiscal year exceeded the PHA program administrative expenses for the fiscal year plus any interest earned on the administrative fee reserve (see 24 CFR 982.155(a)). This means that the total administrative fee revenue used to calculate the UNA reported in this Field does not include administrative fees received during the current PHA fiscal year, because excess AF received does not accumulate to the UNA until the end of the PHA's fiscal year. The excess fees received during the PHA's current fiscal year will not be reported in the UNA field until after PHA's fiscal year in which they were received has ended. The monthly amount reported is the current UNA balance (including any interest earned and fraud recovery allocated to the UNA account for the month being reported). PHAs must also include in this field their pre-2005 AF balance, formerly referred to as their operating reserve (also known as their administrative fee reserve). MTW PHAs should report their financial information as required in their MTW Agreement.

**(3) Cash/Investments as of the Last Day of the Month**

*For Reference:* These are the amounts reported on the balance sheet at lines 111—Cash—Unrestricted; 113—Cash—other restricted; 131—Investments—

Unrestricted; and 132—Investments—restricted. The Cash/Investments reported in VMS must be updated through the end of the reporting month.

*Definition:* Cash/Investments as of the last day of the month is the total amount of housing assistance payments (HAP) and administrative fee (AF) cash and investments for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. This amount must include only those HAP and AF funds (including any interest or revenue derived) received for the HCV program, including interest earned, fraud recovery and Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) forfeitures. Funds received for FSS Coordinator and not expensed must not be included. Cash and investments for FSS escrows must not be included. MTW PHAs should report their financial information as required in their MTW Agreement.

**(4) Number of Vouchers Issued But Not Under Active Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract as of the Last Day of the Month**

*Definition:* This figure represents the total number of new vouchers issued and not yet under a HAP contract as of the last day of the reporting period.

*This figure excludes vouchers issued to participants who are currently under HAP contract in one unit but have been issued a voucher to search for another unit to which they intend to move with continued voucher assistance.*

*Example:* A PHA has 125 vouchers issued and "on the street," as follows: (a) 105 families are applicants from the PHA's waiting list that were selected and issued vouchers; (b) 10 families are participants whose HQS inspection resulted in abatement, and their contracts were terminated; (c) 5 families are Port-ins that the PHA is absorbing; and (d) 5 families are transferring from other units for which they are currently being assisted. In this example, the first 120 families from categories a, b and c will be reported in the VMS field described in (4), above. The remaining 5 families in (d) would not be reported in this field.

Public comment is invited from interested parties specifically with regard to whether clarification is needed to better understand the definitions provided herein for the four new VMS reporting fields. Commenters are requested to explain in detail the basis for all comments submitted.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0169.

*Agency Form Numbers:* Automated form HUD 52681-B (VMS) will be used to collect data.

*Members Of Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, State, Local Government.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information*

collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: The estimated number of respondents is 2,450; the frequency of response is once per month; and the total reporting burden will change from the current total reporting time of 44,100 hours to 58,800 hours. The requested information is currently maintained by the PHAs as part of their monthly balance sheets, income statements, and on-site voucher tracking for purposes of annual reporting; however the four new fields will require the PHAs to report the information monthly.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 22, 2010.

**Leroy McKinney,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5374-N-09]

### Buy American Exceptions Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, an exception was granted to the Oshkosh Housing Authority, in Oshkosh, WI, for the purchase and installation of a City Multi R2 ductless, variable refrigerant flow (VRF) split system for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) renovations at the Mainview Apartments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20410-4000, telephone number 202-

402-8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on, March 10, 2010, upon request of the Oshkosh Housing Authority, HUD granted an exception to the applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, based on the fact that the relevant manufactured goods (ductless VRF split system) are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

Dated: March 19, 2010.

**Sandra B. Henriquez,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5375-N-11]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7266, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Where